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My finances are in a very bad way - I am perfectly willing to give all I have yet done for the benefit of science but cannot possibly do much more without a small recompense in the meanwhile.

I could probably complete the Hepaticæ during the coming winter or if I could go right at it - dropping everything else much sooner.

Mr. Sullivant told me that he had an extra copy of his "Mosses" which he intended to give me, but I presume he forgot it - Think he said it was all interleaved with blank paper for making notes.

Very truly yours, C. F. Austin

Dear Dr. Gray

Yours of 12th. inst. enclosing a copy of your "Biograph. Notice" of Mr. Sullivant is received. The Biographical notice of Dr. Torrey was received in due time.

Mr. Lesquereux wrote me recently that he should never think of a moss again! Do you think he can be induced to change his mind? If he should undertake to revise the "Mosses" I might be able to do a good deal of the drudgery and thus relieve him a good deal - Think Mr. Sullivant intended to depend on me to do the main part of the studying up of the doubtful things - subject to his supervision. There will be a large amount of new

matter to be added, even should
the range not be extended; But
if it is to be published in a
separate volume from the
"Manual" I should very
much like to see it contain
cover all the ground in N. Amer.
north of Mexico.

I have examined
critically nearly every moss which occurs
in my "Musci Appalachiani" and
have discovered many discrepancies
in the current descriptions.

I have the Hepaticae pretty well
written up now, but the descriptions
are too lengthy I presume for your
purpose and will have to be abbreviated
a good deal - I have about double
the number of species given in
the "Mosses" but should want

rather more than double the space
- say about 50 pages.

It would be well to have about
one more plate to represent the genera.
Yet there are but a very few new genera
to add - I think only *Cryptocarpus*
Alcuberia *Liochlaena*, *Duxalis*
Targonia *Dendrocus* *Omphalanthus* &
Phragmicoma.

It would be a grand idea
to introduce a little wood cut, at the margin
of each ^{specific} description, of a leaf or something
by which each species is readily known from
its congeners. It very often occurs that
it is almost impossible to describe the
very decided differences between one species
and another, and yet a little figure
would show it at a glance!